

Significant Changes between APA 5th Edition and 6th Edition

Note that the first printing of the *APA Publication Manual* contained multiple errors, particularly in the formatting of the sample papers. The chart below outlines the correct changes between the 5th Edition and 6th Edition Second Printing.

What's new: <http://www.apastyle.org/manual/whats-new.aspx>

Supplements to the manual: <http://www.apastyle.org/manual/supplement/index.aspx>

Errata and Corrections: <http://www.apastyle.org/apastyle/>

DOI numbers: <http://www.CrossRef.org>

Tutorial on the basics of APA Style: <http://www.apastyle.org/learn/tutorials/basics-tutorial.aspx>

Changes in Manuscript Format

Page	6th Edition	5th Edition
23	Title at vertical center of the <i>top half</i> of title page (still horizontally centered)	Title at vertical center of the title page (horizontally centered)
25-27	Abstract should be maximum of 120-250 words. (Title of Abstract page not typed in bold.)	Abstract restricted to 120 words.
41	The running head is now part of the page header. It is to be placed flush left at the top of every page (in the page header) and is typed in ALL CAPS. The page number is placed flush left. The words "Running head:" are required on the title page only.	The running head is placed near the top of the title page (but below the page header). The page header contains the short title, five spaces, and the page number all positioned flush right.
62-63	Section headings: Four of the five headings are in bold. Headings are used in numerical order (for example, use headings 1, 2, and 3 if three levels are needed). Format headings as listed below: 1=line by self, centered, bold, title case, no punctuation at end 2=line by self, left-align, bold, title case, no punctuation at end 3=first line of paragraph, indented, bold, sentence case, period 4=first line of para., indented, bold & <i>ital.</i> , sentence case, period 5=first line of para., indented, <i>ital.</i> (no bold), sentence case, period	Section headings: no bold. Headings are not used in numerical order (for example, use headings 1, 3, 4 if three levels are needed).
64	Bullets may be used	Bulleted lists not allowed (only numbered lists)
88	Two spaces between sentences	One space between sentences
96	Plural of <i>appendix</i> is <i>appendices</i>	Plural of <i>appendix</i> is <i>appendixes</i>
139	Report exact p-values	Report p-values as <.01 etc. unless <.001, then state <.001
158	Figure captions are to be placed below each figure.	All figure captions are to be placed on a separate page.
228-229	Font face must be Times New Roman (12 pt size)	Font face could be either Times New Roman or Courier (12 pt size)
229-230 *38	Order of pages/sections: title, abstract, body, references, (footnotes*), tables, figures, <i>appendices</i> . *Footnotes should be placed at the bottom of the page on which they are discussed but may alternately be placed on a page after the references.	Order of pages/sections: title, abstract, body, references, <i>appendices</i> , footnotes, tables, figures.
Apastyle.org	The word <i>web</i> is a common noun and should not be capitalized. The word <i>website</i> is written as one word. The word <i>e-mail</i> is written with a hyphen.	The word <i>Web</i> is a proper noun and should be capitalized. The word <i>Web site</i> is written as two words

Changes in Citations and References

6th Edition	5th Edition
Use ampersand (&) in parentheses of citation. Use <i>and</i> (spelled out) in sentence stem.	
The words <i>Figure</i> , <i>Chapter</i> , <i>Table</i> , and <i>Equation</i> are spelled out in in-text citations	Words such as <i>Figure</i> and <i>Chapter</i> are abbreviated in in-text citations
The titles <i>References</i> and <i>Abstract</i> should not be in bold. It was incorrectly stated in the First Printing that they should be in bold. Thus, this is not a change from the 5th Edition.	The titles <i>References</i> and <i>Abstract</i> should not be in bold
In citations of quoted materials without page numbers, give the paragraph number as <i>para.</i> (No longer use the pilcrow symbol.)	In citations of quoted material without page numbers, give the paragraph number written as <i>para.</i> or use the pilcrow symbol (¶)
No longer include the database name (such as EBSCO or ProQuest)	Include the database name in the reference
No longer include the retrieval date for an electronic source (unless the source changes on a regular basis).	Include a retrieval date for an electronic source.
Include a DOI (digital object identifier) for an electronic source when available. If not available, give the URL. DOI numbers may be found at www.CrossRef.org	Include a URL (Uniform Resource Locator) address for an electronic source
Give the city and state (or country) of publication	Give only the city of publication if the city is a well-known location, such as London or New York
Rules have changed for listing multiple authors. Refer to page 51, and pages 198-199.	
Give the name of the publisher in as brief a form as possible (omit terms such as <i>Publishers, Co.</i> , or <i>Inc.</i>)	Give the exact, full name of the publisher.
APA has added a handy "at-a-glance" table on citing work. See Table 6.1 on page 177.	

What else is new in the 6th Edition?

Section	6th Edition
1.10, 6.02	Self-plagiarism defined and discussed
1.11-1.12	Enhanced discussion on rights of participants
1.16	New discussion of ethical compliance
2.13, 8.03	How to handle supplemental materials
3.11	Return to the term <i>subject</i> for research participants
3.12	Updated guidelines on gender
3.13	Updated guidelines on sexual orientation
3.14	Updated guidelines on race and ethnicity
3.17	New discussion of historical and interpretive inaccuracies
5.06, 6.10, 8.04	Emphasis on obtaining permission when reproducing/adapting tables, figures, questionnaires, or test items from a copyrighted source
6.24	Enhanced discussion of record
Chapter 8	Expanded discussion of Peer Review and the Publication Process

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